Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Where is that located?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.— It is about 2 miles north of the crossing.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there a toddy shop which is located just by the side of the two roads?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In which village is it?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Mundathikode.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to take it that the Mundathikode toddy shop is located at the crossing of these roads?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is located about 20 yards from the crossing.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not on this side of 5 yards?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Why was it located within the prescribed distance?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Hon'ble Member will be pleased to understand that it is not possible to locate every shop outside the 40 yards limit. We will observe the rule as far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Am I to understand that in this particular instance it was not possible to locate the shop at a distance of 40 yards at least from the crossing of of these roads?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—This is an unfrequented road. There were no complaints. So this question was not taken.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government take this question as a complaint?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—This will be borne in mind in fixing the site next year.

Deepening the water channel from Ernakulam to Trichur.

130. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.**— Will the Government be pleased to state,—

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(a) whether the Government have prepared a plan and an estimate to deepen the water channel from Ernakulam to Trichur at any time;

(b) if so, when and what is the amount of the estimate;

(c) if not, will the Government be pleased to prepare an estimate for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a and (b) A cost report of Rs. 8,000 has been prepared for making the canal navigable from Edavam to Dhanu. From Dhanu to Edavam there will not be sufficient water in the channel as it will be used up for irrigating the kole lands.

(c) Please see answer above.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know whether any amount has been spent for deepening the channel from Ernakulam to Trichur at any time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. I think in the year 1102 or 1103 a sum of Rs. 4,000 was spent for deepening the channel from Karanchira to Trichur.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is this canal used anywhere?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni—Does it cause an impediment to the boats to travel carrying loads from Ernakulam to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, there is slight impediment in some places.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the quantity of water that is taken for irrigating kole lands, from Karanchira to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not possible for me to say definitely.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will it not be possible to deepen the canal from Karanchira to Trichur so that there might be an abundant quantity of water for boats to travel?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—May I know whether the Government have prepared a plan and an estimate to deepen the water channel from Ernakulam to Trichur at any time. If so, when?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is given in the answer itself. We have not prepared any plan. But we have prepared the cost report for making the canal navigable between Edavom and Dhanu.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ ഒരു ഭാഗത്തിനു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നില്ല. ഏതു കൊല്ലത്തിലാണ് ഇതു തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I have already replied that in 1102 or 03 we have spent about Rs. 4,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— Is there any possibility of opening this channel all through the year by deepening it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— There is only one way for that. When the Chalakudy diversion scheme materialises it will be possible to send in water during the dry season into this canal.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— കാരാഞ്ചിറനിന്നും കുഴപ്പുള്ളിക്കരക്ക് ഒരു പാലം വരുന്നതുവരെ പുഴവിൽതോട്ടിനു പടിഞ്ഞാറുവശം ഒരു റോഡുവരേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ? തോട് താഴ്ത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പടിഞ്ഞാറെ കരയിൽ കുറെ മണ്ണുകിട്ടും. അതേ ആവശ്യമുള്ളൂ. ഇതിനു വലിയ ചിലവൊന്നുമില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ തോട്ട താഴ്ത്തികിട്ടുന്ന മണ്ണുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ പുഴവിൽ പാലംവരെ ഒരു റോഡുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കയുംചെയ്യും.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, is it pertaining to this question?

Mr. President.—There is only the 'thodu' that is common in the supplementary question and the original question. (Laughter). Anyhow the Chief Engineer may note this suggestion.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—It is to minimise the expenditure of the Government that I am suggesting this.

Service connection—Nemmara and Vallanghy.

131. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many applications have been received from the inhabitants of Nemmara and Vallanghy for house connection pipes of the drinking water by fixing meters;

(2) what is the cause of not giving house connection to such applicants;

(3) is it due to the scarcity of water in the works or due to want of a pucca engine to pump sufficient quantity of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Four.

(2) The yield of the bore-hole during the period of greatest drought had to be ascertained before a decision could be taken on the question of giving house service connections.

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